

TOWN OF GRANBY 2009 CALENDAR
2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT



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TOWN MANAGER

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Dear Resident,

Granby has relied heavily upon its financial planning process, and we have done so for many years. This process began back in the 1980's when a few Board members met to see how computer programming might assist with tax forecasting in order to move ahead with several public improvements. Since then, the town has improved the use of financial modeling. Modeling has also become a very valuable budget tool.

Formally, our capital financial modeling takes place with an appointed Capital Program Priority Advisory Committee. This Committee consists of the Town Treasurer and two members from each of the Boards of Selectmen, Education, and Finance. They meet at least annually to review large capital needs. Once project amounts are entered into a model, several scenarios are developed to best determine if, how, and when to proceed with projects. Budget spending limits are developed and these limits are brought before the full body of the three Boards and certain staff. Each Board member signs onto a Statement of Commitment. The approved model provides budget and tax expectations for the next five years and a look back and beyond.

Naturally, assumptions can easily change within a five-year timeframe, so the model is updated regularly. Furthermore, commitment to the process provides continuity, and, along with a continual review and updating of the model, it helps our town leaders, providing them a clearer budget and tax picture. Last year several capital project committees were created and have nearly completed their tasks. They will be recommending improvements to our school and town athletic fields and maintenance facilities, park buildings, and library expansion.

Granby's financial modeling process has served our town well. We should all look forward to knowing the results, and using these, and other valuable resources for upcoming projects.

Sincerely,

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Dear Neighbors,

We have entered a difficult economic time for an unknown period. Many of our neighbors will be feeling the effects of the economic slowdown in their paychecks, savings, and home values. As we tighten our families' belts, know that the Town of Granby continues to take steps to be more efficient in our use of resources through opportunities to share equipment and services.

Locally, we have undertaken efforts to share resources between the schools and municipal sectors. Efficiencies have long been gained through shared mowing and snow plowing arrangements. The town and Board of Education have jointly purchased software to manage the town's and school's finances. This effort eliminates redundancy and duplication of data entry while enabling real time financial reporting and improved audit capabilities. Two study committees recently reported on efforts to improve coordination of town fields, vehicle washing, and consolidation of storage and maintenance activities.

Regionally, there are many examples of shared services that decrease costs and improve efficiencies. Some examples include shared dispatching services with East Hartland and East Granby. Homeland security efforts include shared services with more than 35 towns making available special operations units comprised of officers from multiple towns to respond to specific types of emergencies. Solid waste management, purchasing of goods, and soon construction services, will be bid regionally eliminating the need for time intensive purchasing efforts for small to midsize projects.

The State provided seed funding for a host of regional sharing efforts that will be initiated during this year. These include joint IT initiatives, trail maintenance, and GIS development.

We continue to look for opportunities within the town, and with our neighbors, to share equipment and services. Efforts to date have resulted in countless savings. We will continue to evaluate opportunities to share and consolidate services within the town and with our neighbors in an effort to limit spending and improve services. We welcome your suggestions to streamline your local government.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Adams
First Selectman

JANUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.				1 SR MFC New Year's Day*	2 SR CC	3
4	5 BOS	6 P&R	7 BOE	8 AC	9	10
11	12 COA GDC GLB	13 P&Z	14 YSBAB IWWC	15 CC	16	17
18	19 SR MFC Martin Luther King Jr. Day	20 ZBA BOS Early Release 9-12	21 BOE Early Release 9-12	22 Early Release 9-12	23 Early Release K-12	24
25	26 BOF	27 P&Z	28	29	30	31

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Mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes and the Granby Charter, the Town Clerk is responsible for the following services: Recorder of Deeds, Administrator of Elections, Registrar of Vital Statistics, Custodian of Public Records, Agent for State License, Clerk-Town Meetings.

Fees collected and paid to	
Revenue Collector	\$367,688.53
Land Records	\$76,914.00
Conveyance Tab	\$161,029.53
PA-05-228	\$60,918.00
Historic Preservation	\$2,343.00 (Town)
	\$4,780.00 (State)
Documents Recorded	2,388
Transfers Recorded	290
Maps Filed	42
Vital Statistics	\$6,115.00
State Surcharge	\$608.00
(32 Surcharges collected)	
(Marriage Licenses, Copies, Burial Transfers, Cremation Cert.)	
Maps (filing fee)	\$440.00
Copies (Land Records & maps)	\$10,138.75
Filing Fees (misc.)	\$548.00
Burn Permits issued	\$700.00
Hunting & Fishing Licenses	
Town fees collected -	\$1,174.75
State fees collected -	\$29,184.50
Licenses issued by Town Clerk -	301
Licenses issued by agent of Town Clerk -	1,051
Duplicate licenses issued -	2
Handicapped license -	1
Lifetime licenses issued -	30
Pheasant tags issued -	45
Connecticut Bird Stamps issued -	32
HIP Permits issued -	34

TOWN CLERK

Dog Licenses – 1,199 issued
 Town fees collected - \$1,236.00
 State fees collected - \$14,070.00
 86 Surcharges collected
 Kennel licenses issued - 11
 Fidelco Dogs Licensed - 6
 Transfers - 2
 Replacement tags - 8
 Late Fee's Collected - \$442.00
 Voters sworn in by Town Clerk – 123
 Absentee Ballots Issued: 204

ELECTIONS

11/6/2007 – Municipal Election
 Electors qualified to vote (District One) 4,813
 Electors checked as voting (District One) 1,209
 Electors qualified to vote (District Two) 2,035
 Electors checked as voting (District Two) 431
 2/5/2008 – Presidential Preference Primary of the Democratic and Republican Parties
 Electors qualified to vote (Dem) 1,933
 Electors checked as voting (Dem) 1,215
 Electors qualified to vote (Rep) 2,229
 Electors checked as voting (Rep) 990

SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS

11/5/2007 - Special Town Meeting To Consider A RESOLUTION To Approve the purchase of property located at 149 Old Messenger Road - RESOLUTION Approved
 4/28/2008 – Special Town Meeting for Budget Approval. Yes Vote - 199 No Vote - 56 Minimum 2/3 requirement attained. Budget for the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 APPROVED

VITAL STATISTICS (as of June 30, 2008)

	<u>Granby</u>	<u>Out-of-Town</u>	<u>Total</u>
Births	1	96	97
Deaths	45	45	90
Marriages	24	25	49
Civil Unions	1	1	2

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Fall and Spring Election Conferences were attended to keep updated on new developments in the Election Laws. Subject matter covered included absentee ballot application and procedure, along with military and overseas balloting, campaign finance procedure, and procedures to be followed for local referendum. State Statutes and Public Acts are constantly changing and amending the laws; it is absolutely imperative to be kept informed of these changes.

The Town Clerk previously attained the Connecticut State Certification and is now currently attending classes to attain I.I.M.C. Certification. Two new Assistant Town Clerks are also currently attending classes to attain the Connecticut State Certification.

Continuation of courses in governmental relations, government finance, parliamentary procedure, professional development, written communications, personnel management, public speaking, and computer courses is essential to maintaining the professional level of management required by the office.

FEBRUARY 2009

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1	2 BOS	3 P&R	4 BOE	5 CC	6	7
8	9 COA GDC GLB	10 P&Z	11 YSBAB IWWC	12 AC Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 St. Valentine's Day
15	16 SR-1 week MFC Presidents' Day	17 ZBA BOS	18 BOE	19 CC	20	21
22 Washington's Birthday	23 BOF	24 P&Z	25 Ash Wednesday	26	27	28
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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE SERVICES

Fiscal Year 2007-2008 brought new faces to the Department of Police Services. Three new officers were hired to fill vacancies that existed in the previous year. Officers Christopher Poehnert, Scott Bergeron, and Timothy May bring renewed energy and enthusiasm to the Department. One position remains open at this time while the recruitment selection process continues. As a result of these hirings, the Department has been able to curtail the use of officers from other agencies to fill staffing demands. Members of the community should be aware that the average time frame for recruiting, selecting, and completion of training for a new police officer is almost one year. Granby competes with other departments, locally and regionally, from the same candidate pool, which has experienced a downturn in the number of qualified candidates.

All personnel continue to maintain their necessary State and Department mandated training requirements. Granby personnel remain

able and willing to respond to the ever increasing demands made by the Department of Homeland Security in response to both manmade and natural emergencies. New equipment to facilitate the operation of the town's Emergency Operation Center has been received and training is underway to learn how to maximize the benefit of this equipment.

The Department continues to participate collaboratively with the Towns of Avon, Bloomfield, Canton, Farmington, Simsbury, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks through our North Central Municipal Regional Emergency Services teams. These efforts provide each town with a cadre of specially trained personnel in the areas of SWAT, Crisis Negotiations, Dive Rescue and Recovery, and Motor Vehicle Crash Reconstruction.

As always, the Department is ready and capable of responding to the needs and requests for service to our community on a twenty-four hour, seven day a week basis.

<i>INCIDENT CLASSIFICATIONS</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>% INC/DEC</i>
MURDER	0	0	0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	6	15	150%
BURGLARY	16	23	44%
ROBBERY	1	2	100%
LARCENIES	146	140	-4%
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS	5	6	20%
ARSON	0	1	100%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	4	3	-25%
SIMPLE ASSAULT	56	45	-20%
FRAUD/FORGERY	71	37	-48%
BAD CHECKS	10	8	-20%
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	54	86	59%
DRUG OFFENSES	65	54	-17%
FAMILY OFFENSES	14	16	14%
LIQUOR OFFENSES	13	11	-15%
BREACH/DISORDERLY	76	87	14%
TRESPASSING	7	13	86%
RUNAWAYS	0	0	0%
WEAPONS OFFENSES	9	7	-22%
LOITERING	1	16	1500%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	946	1331	41%
<i>ACCIDENTS</i>			
PROPERTY DAMAGE	205	228	11%
PERSONAL INJURY	44	53	20%
FATAL	0	0	0%
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	249	281	13%
<i>ENFORCEMENT ACTION</i>			
D.W.I.	47	30	-36%
INFRACTIONS	438	611	39%
WRITTEN WARNINGS	320	268	-16%
MUNICIPAL CITATIONS	N/A	16	0%
CRIMINAL/SUMMONSES	374	299	-20%
<i>DISPATCH CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>	12,666	12,929	2%

MARCH 2009

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 BOS	3 P&R	4 BOE	5 CC	6	7
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins	9 COA GDC GLB	10 P&Z	11 YSBAB IWWC	12 AC	13	14
15	16 SR BOS	17 ZBA St. Patrick's Day	18 BOE	19 CC	20	21
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LOST ACRES FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

The department responded to a total of 217 incidents during this fiscal year, with the calls broken down as follows:

- 43 Fire – building, car, chimney, brush
- 8 Motor Vehicle Extrication/Medical Assist
- 46 Hazardous Materials/Conditions
- 34 Service Calls – smoke, water problem, standby
- 12 Good Intent Calls
- 72 False Alarms
- 2 Severe Weather/Lightning

Allen Christensen, Chief of the LAFD for 19 years, the longest served by any Chief in our 72 year history, retired from the position in July 2007. His legacy, and those of past Chiefs Robert Beman and Raymond Salmonsens, were celebrated by the department, dignitaries, families, and friends during a ceremony held at the Center Station in September 2007. The LAFD and the Town of Granby owe a huge debt of gratitude for the thousands of volunteer hours these Chiefs, and those that served with them, gave to protecting the town.

While dedicating unplanned time for fire calls, the members also invested over 1,900 hours for training and drill exercises throughout the year. This training mandated by the state, national standards, and the LAFD help firefighters learn new skills and practice current ones. One of the mandated training programs is the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system lays out the structure and responsibilities if the LAFD were involved in a major incident such as Hurricane Katrina.

The LAFD retired its oldest truck, LA-4, which was online since 1986 and replaced it with a new six man crew cab pumper. This



Past and present Fire Chiefs: Robert Beman, Allen Christensen, Ray Salmonsens, and John Horr, Jr.

new vehicle has a 1,250 gallon per minute pump, can dispense two different types of foam, and holds 1,000 gallons of water. The new LA-4 is kept at our North Granby Station and will be on display during the 2008 parade season.

A new radio system was installed by the LAFD, allowing the Town of Granby Public Safety Dispatch Center to communicate with surrounding towns via a common frequency for fire department responses. This is used when mutual aid, (additional resources) is required in Granby, or when the LAFD is called to other towns to help during a major incident.

The members of the LAFD are by far the departments' most valuable resource. The men and women of the department invest their time and energy on a volunteer basis to help others. The Town of Granby is very lucky to have such a dedicated group available, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. This dedication, coupled with state-of-the-art equipment, allows the LAFD to supply the best possible fire protection services to the Town of Granby.

FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE

The Fire Marshal's office has a staff of three part-time employees and is responsible for the protection of lives and property throughout the Town of Granby. The duties and responsibilities of this office are mandated by the Connecticut General Statutes. These regulations dictate when and where fire safety inspections are required. It also assigns responsibilities regarding hazardous materials, plan reviews of proposed buildings, and requires that all fires and explosions be investigated to determine cause and origin.

This office is the only town agency that is required to perform inspections of the commercial tax base and properties on an annual basis. This includes all schools, businesses, day care facilities, industrial and commercial occupancies, gasoline service stations, and all public assembly properties. These inspections require a working knowledge of over 100 codes and standards. Our main goal is to work with the property owner to gain a code compliant building, providing a safe environment for the public.

The Connecticut General Statutes also requires this office to inspect and enforce regulations concerning the storage, use, and transportation of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), as well as liquefied natural gas (LNG). We issue permits for the purchase, transportation, and use of explosives.

The office often fields questions on fire related topics such as code compliance, open burning, and fireworks.

The office hours are varied but appointments can be arranged for meetings and inspections by contacting the office of the Fire Marshal at (860) 844-5318.

COLLECTOR OF REVENUE

The Collector of Revenue is responsible for the billing and collection of property taxes, sewer use charges, and sewer assessments. The office also processes most deposits to the General Fund from other town departments.

Tax collections for July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 were as follows:

- Total number of tax bills issued was 18,449. At the end of the fiscal year, 435 bills were not paid in full.
- The 2006 Grand List adjusted levy was \$30,088,346 and the net collections on the current levy were \$29,759,749.
- During the 2007-2008 fiscal year, 98.91% of the adjusted grand levy was collected.
- Total uncollected taxes as of June 30, 2008 (including back taxes) was \$430,187.

APRIL 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 BOE	2 CC	3	4
5 Palm Sunday	6 BOS	7 P&R	8 YSBAB IWWC	9 AC Passover begins at sundown	10 SR MFC Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13 Budget 7:00 P.M Public Hearing BOF COA GDC GLB	14 P&Z	15 BOE	16 CC	17	18
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PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

A seven member board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, may advise the Recreation Director on matters of policy and planning in the area of leisure services and facilities. The Director of Recreation and Leisure Services has the responsibility of implementing a comprehensive variety of recreation and leisure programs for Granby residents of all ages.

Our youth sports programs emphasize positive fun experiences for ages 5-18 in a recreational atmosphere, which include soccer, basketball, and skiing. We also offer many sports clinics, as well as youth enrichment activities throughout the year.

For adults, we offer various programs such as boating certification, adult drop-in basketball, and an AARP safe driving course. We also coordinate with East Granby and Suffield, for a variety of bus trips throughout the year.

Salmon Brook Park provides a focal point for major town events as well as picnic areas for family outings. The Park also provides tennis courts, a Children's Memorial Garden, the Veteran's Memorial, hiking and horse trails, areas for soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, two playscapes, and a fenced dog area. Each summer

we present a "*Sounds of Summer*" concert series sponsored entirely by our local business community.

Summer programming at Salmon Brook Park includes a public swim area (pond) for those who want to enjoy an old-fashioned swimming pond. We provide American Red Cross swimming lessons and a quality day camp experience for children in kindergarten through 9th grade, including a two-year training program for teens to provide them the opportunity to learn valuable skills and provide us with a list of well-qualified lifeguards and counselors.

This year the Board of Selectmen established two study committees: Granby Athletic Field Long-range Advisory Committee (GAFLAC) – assigned to look at the athletic and recreation fields for the town and school and the Salmon Brook Park Facility Building Committee – assigned to look at the needs of a new bathhouse and snack shack facility for Salmon Brook Park.

We continue to coordinate program planning with neighboring communities to provide more of a variety of leisure activities that the Recreation Department could not provide on its own.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Community Development is responsible for the administration of the town's overall land use and development process. The Director of Community Development oversees the activities of the Building Department, Engineering, and Wetlands staff. The office administers the town's Small Cities Programs, particularly the Housing Rehabilitation Program, is responsible for the Flood Insurance Program, serves as the liaison with Capitol Region Council of Governments, the North Central Tourism District, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and others. The Office of Community Development serves as staff for the Planning and Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Development Commission; and regularly assists the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission and the Conservation Commission. The department also provides information as requested by other boards and commissions and regularly assists the Town Manager.

During fiscal year 2007-08 William Volovski was appointed as the Building Official and Zoning Enforcement Officer and Annemarie Winsor was appointed as the office Administrative Assistant. These staff changes occurred almost seamlessly and the operation of the department moved forward without concern or difficulty. Both employees brought with them new ideas and energy and since their arrival, improvements have been made in areas such as the department's web page, budgeting, permit tracking, filing, information

packages, and more.

During this fiscal year the Director of Community Development, Fran Armentano reviewed, analyzed, and reported on all Planning and Zoning Commission applications. These applications proposed residential lots, commercial developments, accessory buildings, regulation changes, and more. Overall, applications for new developments have been declining in proportion with the state, local, and national economy.

This fiscal year, the town was awarded a \$49,500 grant from the State of Connecticut to assist with the purchase of a 57-acre parcel of land located at 149 Old Messenger Road for open space preservation. Approximately 168 acres of land was permanently preserved as open space this year through the combined efforts of the Granby Land Trust and the town.

Also this fiscal year, the Director prepared amendments to the Subdivision and Zoning Regulations regarding the height, size, and illumination of signs, farm winery liquor permit, drainage requirements and stormwater management, and drive through windows for restaurants. He also prepared a new zone and zone change for the Case Street area which resulted in a change in zone from R2A to R4A and prepared a modification to the Plan of Conservation and Development by adding the Farmington Valley Biodiversity Project, as it applies to Granby. The Director also worked with the Conservation

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT *continued from page 8*

Commission on Ridgeline Zoning and with the Development Commission on a new Center Zone concept. Significant Planning and Zoning Commission applications, which the Director worked on, included an application seeking to excavate and remove earth materials for property located at 114 Wells Road, a new 13,500 square foot office building for property located at 37 Hartford Avenue, a drive through window for Dunkin' Donuts and a proposed amendment to the Zoning

Regulations that would have allowed a private road that is located in Granby to serve building lots that are located in an adjacent community.

The Director was pleased to be a speaker this year at a Granby Senior Men's Breakfast and at a Green Valley Institute on Advanced Approaches to Land Protection.

He continues to participate in the State DEP Grasslands Habitat Conservation Initiative, Technical Working Group.

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Development Commission is a six-member board of Granby citizens, appointed by the Board of Selectmen to assist in the direction of the town's economic growth.

During this fiscal year the Commission met nine times to discuss Granby's commercial climate and to provide advice to the Director of Community Development and the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission has been working with the Director of Community Development on the design of new zoning regulations for the center area. Various drafts have been prepared and reviewed by the Commission. The Development Commission met with the Planning and Zoning Commission to discuss the matter and has scheduled a public

workshop with the community. The Commission hopes to finalize a draft of a center zoning regulation in September of 2008 and submit the proposal for the consideration of the Planning and Zoning Commission shortly thereafter.

In this fiscal year the Development Commission commented on a proposed office building for property located at 37 Hartford Avenue and supported an expansion of home occupations. They also monitored the interest in the T1 zone, vacant commercial property, commercial applications, and participated in a study of the future of the Simsbury Airport. During this year construction was completed on the Arrow Concrete and the State Line Propane buildings.

OFFICE OF ANIMAL CONTROL***Reminder – DOG LICENSES ARE DUE IN JUNE!***

The Municipal Animal Control Officer (MACO) functions as a part-time service of the Department of Police Services. As such, the MACO is assigned the task of investigating and taking appropriate enforcement action involving domestic animals within the Town of Granby. Wildlife matters are referred to the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for management.

The MACO is responsible for operating the Granby Animal Shelter located at 166 Salmon Brook Street. The Shelter functions as a safe haven for dogs that have been found roaming, and is also utilized as a holding area for animals while investigations are being conducted.

The Shelter continues to receive many donations of food, crates, bedding, and other miscellaneous items that are greatly appreciated. These donations enable the animals kept there to live comfortably, greatly reducing the stress that can be caused by impoundment. Donations are always welcome and arrangements can

be made for pick-up or drop off by contacting the MACO through the Granby Department of Police Services at 844-5335.

The following represents a breakdown of the number and types of complaints/services handled by the Municipal Animal Control Officer during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008:

Roaming dogs	147
Barking dogs	23
Nuisance and other dog complaints	77
Vicious dog complaints	3
Cat and dog bites to humans	8
Dogs hit/killed by vehicles	9
Cat complaints	75
Other animal complaints	326
Cruelty complaints	2
Rabies cases (raccoon)	1
Impounded animals	54
Animals redeemed by owners ..	49
Animals euthanized or found dead	<u>16</u>
Total number of complaints investigated	790

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	COA GDC GLB	P&Z	YSBAB IWWC	AC		
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Father's Day	BOF	P&Z				
28	29	30				

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REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

For all primaries and elections, voters in District one and two now vote at one central polling site, located at Granby Memorial High School's Community Gym, for all primaries and elections. This is a permanent change that will accommodate the increased space requirements for the 30 voting booths to be used with the optical scan voting machines.

The introduction of new voting machines was finally implemented by the Secretary of State's office in 2007. The optical scan voting system reads paper ballots, which are filled out by voters just like a lotto ticket, by filling in the ovals next to their chosen candidates. At the end of the night, the results are tallied by the voting machine and the results are reflected on a paper printout. We now have a paper ballot trail. Should there be any questions regarding the results, we will be able to hand audit all elections. This new system was implemented for the first time at the Municipal Election on November 6, 2007. The polling site also has a handicapped accessible "vote by phone" system at the polls. Both of these new voting systems were financed through previously approved federal funding. A demonstration on how to vote using the new optical scan voting machines has been shown on the Granby Community Television channel.

The Registrar's office is diligently working to make sure that all eligible residents can register to vote, check their address, party affiliation, or voter status quickly and easily. During Fiscal Year 2007-08, we added 417 new voters, changed 620 records, and removed 435 voters from our official voter registry. There are currently 6,827 active registered voters in Granby: 2,701 Unaffiliated, 2,201 Republican, 1,914 Democrat, 6 Green, and 5 Libertarian.

During the past fiscal year there was a Municipal election in November, Federal Presidential primaries for Republicans and Democrats in February (with a record turnout), and two town meetings in November and April. No referendums were held.

Identification is now required on all voter registration forms. All state offices, including all libraries, town halls, DMV, and social services offices, are providing these voter registration forms. Please note that state voter registration forms can be used to report changes in address, name, or political party, as well as to register as a new voter. If you are going to be away for an election, absentee ballot applications need to be filed with the Town Clerk's office. Please allow time for the ballot to be mailed and returned. Voter registration forms and absentee ballot applications are also available on the web at: www.sots.ct.gov

If you need to reach the Registrar's office for any reason, you can stop by or call on Wednesdays - our office hours at the Town Hall are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. In addition, you can send an e-mail: vr.granby@po.state.ct.us at any time. You can also leave a phone message using voicemail: # 860-844-5322; or use our mailing address: Granby Town Hall, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035.

The current registrars are Peter Goff (Republican) and Laura Wolfe (Democrat). Their duties include registering new voters, overseeing all elections, primaries and referenda, and certifying the official voter list. The registrars are also responsible for hiring and training all election poll workers and they are actively seeking new volunteers for this November.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals in each Connecticut municipality is charged with the duty of hearing appeals on the assessments from aggrieved taxpayers and reviewing valuations set by the Assessor. This Board provides an opportunity for review and adjustment, before appeal is made to the courts. In exercising its function as an appeal agency, the Board may reduce or increase a taxpayer's assessment through valuation change. The Board may also add to the Assessor's list, the names of any property owners omitted and make supplemental lists of any taxable property omitted by the Assessor.

The Board of Assessment Appeals for the Town of Granby is comprised of three elected Granby residents: Chairman Lowell C. Johnson, James R. Sansone, and Celia Eggert.

The Board reviewed five appeals during their meetings held in March of 2007 and two received an adjustment.

Section 12-111 of the Connecticut General Statutes requires taxpayers who wish to contest the assessment of their properties to file written appeal notices with the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th. The Board will notify appellants of their hearing dates at least seven days before they are held.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

During the past fiscal year, the Zoning Board of Appeals handled nine requests for variances to the Zoning Regulations. The Board granted six, denied two, and allowed one withdrawal of a request.

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			1 BOE	2 CC	3 MFC	4 Independence Day
5	6 BOS	7 P&Z	8 IWWC	9 AC	10	11
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We have experienced some significant personnel changes this past year at the Granby Public Works Department. Some of our most senior members have retired and younger workers are now filling the ranks. It has been an exciting change for us with the new members bringing different skills and ideas to the department. We have taken on sidewalk projects and footbridges, more building repair projects and new parking lots. We continue to improve our maintenance and construction skills, while tackling new responsibilities. With general guidance from the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, town committees, department heads, and most importantly the residents of Granby, we continue to provide the best services for our neighbors, with enthusiasm.

Public Works crews managed 22 storms last winter to keep roads open and safe. Over 60 inches of snow fell on town roads. The Department utilized 1,109 cubic yards of mixed salt and sand on the town's roads. This represents a significant reduction in salt and sand mix use. We have continued to customize our mix to optimize its effectiveness.

Street sweeping mileage remained at 89.5 miles and over 900 catch basins were cleaned. We have seen a reduction in our sweeping program due to the decrease in sand usage in our salt-sand mixture. A higher ratio of salt is being used to reduce the sand build up along roads and in the town's streams and brooks.

Building maintenance activities continue to increase each year as more residents take advan-

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

tage of the facilities. Town Hall HVAC improvements are in the final phase. Our part time staff continues to be a valuable asset to our full time crew in building and park maintenance and the operations at the town transfer station.

This past year we did not have a lot of new development activity, but our road rehabilitation program improved .6 of a mile of local roads, and our overlay program covered another 3.3 miles. Maintenance of the existing road network requires a comprehensive road improvements program. The following streets were paved last year as part of the overlay program:

Crest Road	Elizabeth Road
Evangeline Place	Danielle Drive
Muriel Drive	Copper Hill Road
Quail Lane	

The ten-year Capital Improvement plan is developed to reconstruct roads that have failed. The following streets were reconstructed:

Higley Road
Notch Road/Hungary Road Intersection

Improvements to both Salmon Brook Park and Ahrens Park continued with the reconstruction of the footbridge over the Salmon Brook and improvements to the dugout areas at Ahrens Park. We continued to utilize an organic fertilizer program for athletic turf throughout the town and have been very pleased with the performance of the fields. We have also constructed a new parking lot for Salmon Brook Park users on Route 20. This lot will be very useful for horse riders and soccer players

and their families. Additionally, town greens, cemeteries, and municipal complex grounds are mowed, weeded, lined, planted, and watered. Public Works crews also clean and maintain the 18 public buildings located throughout town.

The talented mechanics service over 60 vehicles and numerous other pieces of equipment for the Public Works Department, Police Department, Building Office, Senior Services, and other town agencies. Over 4,000 hours are dedicated to repair and preventive maintenance. The fleet includes dump trucks, police cruisers, senior vans, administration vehicles, excavators, and other assorted equipment.

We are proud of the professional work we do for the residents and will continue to do everything we can to keep costs down and service up.



Sidewalk work on Bank Street

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THE GRANBY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

There continues to be growing external recognition of the district's commitment to education. The June edition of the Hartford Magazine rated Granby number one for education in the small suburban town category and, for the second consecutive year, the Connecticut Magazine rated Granby third overall and second in the state in the education category for towns with a population from 10,000 to 15,000.

Granby Memorial High School (GMHS) continued to be recognized, both as a Connecticut State Department of Education Vanguard High Performing School and by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) that commended the school for "a clear focus and strong emphasis on high expectations and student achievement, a safe, comfortable environment for students, and high community-wide support and satisfaction with the quality of GMHS."

The school system launched an International Education initiative this year resulting in increased student and teacher travel, expanded Sister School relationships, the expansion of world languages in the elementary schools and the addition of Mandarin Chinese at the secondary school level. The Board also approved foot-

ball for the fall of 2008.

Students were recognized for achievements in athletics, arts, and academic competitions. The Granby Girls' Field Hockey team won the state championship. Four students in the class of 2008 received Letters of Commendation and one student was named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Another student placed first in the statewide Investment Essay Competition. Student achievement ranks high in the state on Connecticut Mastery Tests (CMT). The district scored in the top quartile of its educational reference group in two-thirds of all the CMT tests in math, reading, and science for grades 3-8. At least 94% percent of the students were proficient in math, reading, writing, and science on the tenth grade Connecticut Academic Performance Tests (CAPT). Student performance on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) continues to be significantly higher than the state average and the percentage of students successful in advanced placement courses continues to show steady growth.

Through the support and collaborative efforts of the community, Granby continues to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family and is home to a "Great New England School System".

HOLCOMB FARM ANNUAL REPORT

Holcomb Farm has 367 acres of rich rolling meadows, densely wooded forest, and pristine brooks. Located at 113 Simsbury Road in West Granby, the property was in the Holcomb family for seven generations. Due to the generosity of Tudor and Laura Holcomb, the property is now town-owned and managed by Holcomb Farm Learning Center, Inc., a nonprofit organization. Today the farm brings together children, adults, and families in a plan of use that includes agriculture, education, arts, and passive recreation.

Holcomb Farm is open to the public daily from dawn-to-dusk and maintains over 10 miles of marked trails for hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing. These trails connect the property to several thousand acres of protected lands with trails including McLean Game Refuge and Granby Land Trust parcels. We invite you to come take a walk, experience the bio-diversity the property offers, and reflect on the generosity of the Holcombs.

Last year over 14,000 people came to the farm to participate in our

programs and activities. Our signature Link and Learn program, partners Hartford public schools with Granby, East Granby, Hartland, Simsbury, and Suffield schools throughout the academic year, bringing classes to the farm for hands-on environmental and heritage arts programs that directly complement the curricula taught in the classroom.

Our summer camp runs for eight weeks and focuses on exploring nature and the arts. We also offer high quality art, nature, and environmental science programs to the general public, school groups, and scouting organizations.

Holcomb Farm subleases 20 acres of the farm to the Hartford Food System for a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project that yields over 130,000 pounds of organic produce each year, distributed via a share system to local residents and to social service organizations serving low-income Hartford families. Find out more at www.holcombfarm.org.

SEPTEMBER 2009

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	13	14 COA GDC GLB	15 ZBA	16 BOE	17 CC	18
	20	21 BOS	22 P&Z	23	24	25
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SENIOR SERVICES

The mission of the nationally accredited Granby Senior Center *is to maximize the social, physical, and educational well being of older adults, nurture relationships and foster independence through involvement in the Senior Center community.*

The Center offers a wide variety of social, educational, recreational, and health related programs, as well as professional assistance where needed. The Granby Senior Center is a focal point of services and activities for the seniors in the community. A variety of programs are offered including: a Congregate Meal Program, exercise classes, computer classes, billiards league, camera, art, and needle working groups; educational and health programs, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, Adventure Club, and the Senior Club. Other special programs include AARP Drivers' Course, Medicare counseling, and tax preparation assistance. Senior Services also provides assistance in the areas of transportation, benefit counseling, and referrals.

There are seven staff members in this department including the Transportation Coordinator, Senior Center Program Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, three Senior Van Drivers, and the Congregate Meal Preparer.

Senior Services Statistics

Senior Center Participants	530
Outreach and Benefit Counseling	156
Congregate Meal Program Participants	81
Congregate Meals Served	3,800
Exercise Class Participants	194
Tax Preparation Assistance	133

Senior Services operates two senior vans to transport riders to activities at the senior center as

well as for medical and personal care appointments, grocery shopping, health clinics, and educational and social programs. The vans frequently travel for day trips to special events, recreational activities, sites of interest, and exhibits. Donations from riders, the Granby Community Fund, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation assist with funding the van service.

Senior Van Statistics

Number of Registered Riders	182
Number of Drivers	7 (3 paid, 4 volunteer)
Hours of Operation	2,058
Miles Traveled	22,904
Number of Passenger Trips	7,486

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Monthly Theme Dinners continued to be popular events. Polishfest 2007 brought out a record 88 seniors to enjoy a night of authentic food and music.
- The van traveled 6,143 more miles and made 1,383 more trips than the prior year. Requests for on-demand service for transportation to medical and personal care appointments rose dramatically. Many day trips were scheduled multiple times in response to the demand.
- Three new exercise classes, Strength and Cardio, Circuit Training, and Reach Your PEAK were added to meet the needs of our more advanced exercise participants.



Premiere Night – part of the National Senior Center Month Celebration

OCTOBER 2009

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YOUTH SERVICES

The Director of Human Services administers the Granby Youth Service Bureau (YSB) with support from the Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board. The Bureau receives income from many sources including municipal funding, grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education, the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, user fees, and donations.

The Youth Service Bureau employs a full-time Youth Services Coordinator, a part-time Clinician, and contracted Program Leaders. In addition, the Youth Service Bureau sponsored four Master's level interns to allow for more complete counseling services. The staff are available for consultation about parenting, emotional/behavioral issues and support. The YSB also provides programming for positive youth development, leadership training, and prevention.

Program	Number Served
Clinical Services –	97 families, 265 persons
Total Granby children served	132
Total East Granby families	14
Total clinical hours	1,101
After school programming.....	84 youth
Preschool programming	32 children

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- W.O.W.! (Women on the Way!), an experiential group for high school age girls, provided approximately 50 hours of challenges, education, social experiences, and community service endeavors.
- Youth Action Council (Y.A.C.) sponsored two 6th grade dances, enjoyed by approximately 260 youths. The proceeds from these dances were utilized to create a fund to offer a \$500 Y.A.C. scholarship to two graduating seniors.
- The YSB launched two new kid groups: No-Fail Fit and B.O.W. No-Fail Fit, created and led by certified trainer, Mary Fuller, taught 4-6th graders how to

eat well, get moving, and create a pattern to have a fit and healthy life. B.O.W. – Boys Only Weeknights was a pilot program to introduce 7th and 8th grade boys to a social group that allows guys to try new experiences without fear of failure.

- The Grandparent/Grandchild Breakfast hosted 150 people, offering an entertaining intergenerational experience for all.
- Family Night Out offered parents and kids an evening of good food, family-oriented games, and socializing for a most reasonable price!
- The Feed Your Family Parenting class, led by Amanda Buswell, MFT, offered support and education for childrearing.



Youth Action Council and leaders

NOVEMBER 2009

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends	2 BOS	3 SR P&R Election Day	4 BOE	5 CC	6	7
8	9 COA GDC GLB	10 P&Z	11 MFC Veteran's Day	12 YSBAB IWWC AC	13	14
15	16 BOS	17 ZBA	18 BOE	19 CC	20	21
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DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY SERVICES

The Vision

"In a growing community that is striving to preserve its small-town individuality, we are committed to becoming the community cross-roads where all generations can meet to freely exchange ideas and information, where technology and resources support the search for knowledge, where services and collections enrich the lives of residents and where the library system is a leader in cooperation with other town services, schools, businesses, and organizations. The library is often the cultural heart of things, and a well-supported library is usually a sign of an intellectually healthy and curious population. We recognize that a growing community needs a growing library and expansion plans must become part of the town's capital needs assessment." - Long Range Plan for Library Services

In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, \$446,489 was appropriated for library services provided by Granby Public Library and the Frederick H. Cossitt Library branch. The nine-member Granby Library Board, led by Chairman Lynn Lochhead, meets the second Monday of each month and welcomes public attendance. In June, the Board of Selectmen, appointed a five-member Library Expansion Study Committee to study and report back with its findings, on the need for expansion of the Granby Public Library.

Circulation and Collections

Patrons borrowed 165,171 items, a 4.5% increase. Interlibrary loans increased a dramatic 54%. Circulation to out-of-town borrowers increased 18%, in part a result of use by Simsbury patrons during their library's construction process. Patrons can view the Granby/Cossitt collection online on the library page at www.granby-ct.gov and may also view item status, renew items, submit patron reviews, and request interlibrary loans. Collection development focused on science fiction and mystery and a new college/job section for high school students. New library cards/key tags featuring Peter Dinella's photograph of the Barndoor Hills are now available to Granby borrowers.

Services for Children, Teens, and Adults

Readers hit the books with Reading Road Trip, the 2007 summer reading program. Special programs included Storytimes at Salmon Book Park, Teddy Bear Picnic, Crime Lab for Kids, Cars and

Trucks and Things That Go, and the Annual Children's Craft and Tag Sale. Storyteller Theresa Whittaker told "Stories from Many Lands," Mother Goose read stories on the library lawn, and kids and adults enjoyed a discussion of the latest Harry Potter book. All new Kindergarteners were invited to listen to School Stories in August. Throughout the year, the children's room offered storytimes for all age groups, monthly Drop In and Do crafts, and evening family storytimes. Special programs featured nationally acclaimed storyteller Jim Weiss and a Connecticut Opera presentation of Red Riding Hood. Tradition continued at Cossitt with summer reading programs, Lego Mania, Tie Dye crafts, an end-of-the summer Curious George Picnic, and the Sundae Party.

The "Teen Trio" staff organized monthly meetings of the new Teen Advisory Group (TAG) and visited the high school for on-site 'library card' registration. The Teen SF/Fantasy Book Group met monthly and expanded its activities to monthly Saturday movies.

Granby once again joined in the region's "Big Read" of Dashiell Hammett's *The Maltese Falcon*. Other programs for adults included: "Global Warming, Fact or Fiction," "Private Lives of Private Eyes," "Mysteries, Forensic Science and Crime," "Declutter, Downsize, Do It On a Budget," "Trail Name Lucky Duck," "Supplement Soup," "Market Update," "Jury Duty – What You Should Know," "Cultivating an Organic Community," "Civilian Conservation Camps in Connecticut", and "Author

Talk: Fred Fenn." Something About the Author and Tuesday Morning Book Group are monthly book discussion programs at Granby Public Library. The Connecticut Humanities Council co-sponsored discussions of *Billy Boyle*, *Astrid and Veronika*, and *Istanbul* at Granby Public Library and *My Sister's Keeper* and *Three Cups of Tea* at Cossitt Library. Cossitt began a Poetry and Favorite Poem series and welcomed Connecticut poet Rennie McQuilken. Museum passes, photocopy and fax services, voter registration, and tax forms are other popular services. Granby Public Library's two meeting rooms were used 381 times by patrons and non-library groups.

Connections: People and Technology

Staff and volunteers completed the addition of Cossitt collection information to the automated catalog. Public access computers, including wireless internet access, are offered at both libraries. Computers in the Children's Room at both libraries were upgraded, thanks to donations from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, Friends of Granby Public Library, and the Granby Lions Club.

Granby takes advantage of cooperative programming, educational opportunities for staff, and group discounts with memberships in the Connecticut Library Consortium, American Library Association, Connecticut Library Association, and the Connecticut Center for the Book. Staff also works cooperatively with the Connecticut Humanities

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Calendar of regularly scheduled public meetings. For information on special meetings, contact the Town Clerk's Office.		1 P&R	2 BOE	3 CC	4	5
6	7 BOS	8 P&Z	9 IWWC	10 AC	11	12 Hanukkah begins at sundown
13	14 COA GDC GLB	15 ZBA	16 BOE	17 CC	18	19
20	21 BOS	22 P&Z	23	24	25 SR MFC Christmas Day*	26
27	28 BOF SR-1 week	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

*Pickup of solid waste and recycling will be one day following regular day until end of the week.

TOWN MEETING KEY:

AC Agriculture Commission 7:00 p.m. Police Dept Community Rm.
 Board of Assessment Appeals Call Town Hall for dates & times
 BOE ... Board of Education 7:00 p.m. Central Office
 BOF ... Board of Finance 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.

BOS ... Board of Selectmen 7:30 p.m. Town Hall
 COA .. Commission on Aging 1:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 CC Conservation Commission 7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Rm.
 GDC .. Granby Development Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 GLB ... Granby Library Board 7:30 p.m. Granby Public/Cossitt Libraries

IWWC ... Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 P&R Park & Recreation Board 7:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 P&Z Planning & Zoning Commission 7:00 p.m. Town Hall
 YSBAB.. Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board 6:30 p.m. Sr. Ctr. & Youth Svcs. Bldg.
 ZBA Zoning Board of Appeals 7:30 p.m. Town Hall

MFC = Municipal Facilities Closed

SR = School Recess

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Council to bring book discussion programs to Granby. Staff attended regional roundtables for children's and interlibrary loan services, the Connecticut Library Association Annual conference, a CLASS conference for support staff, and a CREC program explaining group purchasing.

Cooperation with Granby schools, town departments, and town businesses help in the development of services to the community. Staff and volunteers make monthly book deliveries to senior

housing units and the Senior Center. The library staff, Friends groups, and volunteers helped Celebrate Granby in the Park.

Friends, Volunteers, and the Library Community

Granby libraries are fortunate to have the support of many individuals and organizations. More than 25 volunteers contributed nearly 1,000 hours of service to the libraries, assisting with shelving, bar coding, data entry, book processing, programs,

and book deliveries throughout the year. Library staff also works with high school students working to complete their high school community service requirements. The Friends of Granby Public Library, Friends of Cossitt Library, and the Granby Library Association support library programs and activities, which are possible through donations, membership drives, and book sales. The Granby Library Board thanks these valuable volunteers each year with a Volunteer Recognition Tea at Cossitt Library.

CIRCULATION 2007-2008

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	43,209	2,832	46,041
Teen Books	3,858	249	4,107
Children's Books	36,101	4,782	40,883
Adult Magazines	10,360	2,254	12,614
Teen Magazines	702	22	724
Children's Magazines	893	111	1,004
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	8,102	279	8,381
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	602	28	630
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	1,857	146	2,003
Adult CD-ROM and Software	12	0	12
Teen CD-ROM and Software	58	0	58
Children's CD-ROM and Software	428	8	436
Adult Video and DVDs	18,198	3,307	21,505
Teen Video and DVDs	3,165	43	3,208
Children's Video and DVDs	13,256	1,212	14,468
Realia,Puppets,Toys	472	20	492
Museum Passes	323	18	341
Adult Computers	4,754	426	5,180
Teen Computers	2,364	0	2,364
Children's Computers	720	0	720
Total	149,434	15,737	165,171

COLLECTION 2007-2008

Item Type	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Books	33,884	4,183	38,067
Teen Books	2,520	433	2,953
Children's Books	15,126	7,311	22,437
Adult CDs/CD Books/Tapes	1,966	265	2,231
Teen CDs/CD Books/Tapes	200	25	225
Children's CDs/CD Books/Tapes	614	202	816
Adult CD-ROM and Software	4	0	4
Teen CD-ROM and Software	31	2	33
Children's CD-ROM and Software	137	36	173
Adult Video and DVDs	2,287	795	3,082
Teen Video and DVDs	408	21	429
Children's Video and DVDs	1,231	493	1,724
Realia,Puppets,Toys	95	87	182
Museum Passes	31	5	36
Adult Computers	5	2	7
Teen Computers	3	1	4
Children's Computers	6	2	8
Total	58,548	13,863	72,411

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Subscriptions	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Magazines	159	60	219
Teen Magazines	17	1	18
Children's Magazines	23	3	26
Newspapers	8	5	13

Connecticard Loans	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Loans to Out-of-Town Patrons	32,312	659	32,971

Interlibrary Loans	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Loans to Other Libraries	1,046	0	1,046
Loans from Other Libraries	2,697	0	2,697

Programs	Granby	Cossitt	Total
# Adult Programs	36	8	44
# Teen Programs	27	0	27
# Children's Programs	209	51	260
# Family Programs	61	10	71
Total Programs Offered	333	69	402

Attendance at Programs	Granby	Cossitt	Total
Adult Programs	375	107	482
Teen Programs	203	0	203
Children's Programs	3,494	470	3,964
Family Programs (+museum#)	1,883	219	2,102
Total Programs Attendance	5,955	796	6,751

SOCIAL SERVICES

The focus of the Social Services Department is to coordinate existing federal, state, regional, and local services, to increase community awareness of these services, and to develop new programs to meet the needs of Granby residents. Services offered directly through this office include:

INFORMATION AND REFERRAL:
Over 1,000 personal and telephone inquiries were responded to with referrals being made to agencies for a wide range of services including mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, day care, home health and nursing services, medical care, housing, and entitlement programs.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE:
Applications were accepted for the State Fuel Assistance Program and the Granby Emergency Fuel Bank. These programs provided financial assistance to 84 households to assist with over \$57,700 in heating and utility bills. The Granby Emergency Fuel Bank received \$12,780 in donations from individual donors, civic groups and churches.

ELDERLY AND DISABLED**RENTERS' TAX RELIEF:**

Thirty-six applications were processed for this state administered tax relief program resulting in rebates of \$14,150 to qualified applicants.

FARMERS' PRODUCE/GRANBY COUPON PROJECT:

Administered in conjunction with the Granby Conservation Commission this project is funded by a Conservation Commission sponsored fundraiser and donations from churches, businesses, civic groups, and individuals. The program continues to be a popular one, providing over \$400 dollars worth of fresh produce to participants. The project also purchased an organizational share from the Holcomb Farm. The two programs served over 80 participants.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

Through the generosity of many individuals and families, churches, businesses, civic organizations, and youth groups the Local Assistance Fund received over \$4,575 in donations for specific uses including: Holiday Sponsorships, Camperships, Summer Shoe Program, Housing Assistance, Child Care Subsidies, Prescription and Medical Care, and Crisis Assistance. Seventy-four households were provided with emergency assistance. The Holiday Sponsorship Program, a town-wide effort of concern and generosity, provided food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to 42 households, and holiday gifts to 52 children.

FARMINGTON VALLEY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

In 2008 the 100th anniversary of community service to Granby residents by the Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association was marked. Our organization is extremely proud of this tremendous milestone. Very few organizations, especially non-profit home health care providers, share this distinction. Although so much has changed in health care delivery during the past century, the FV-VNA's mission of caring for any individual, regardless of ability to pay or other hardship, has remained intact and unwavering. Our organization carries out this mission on a daily basis and serves as the community's foundation of compassion. So many people have been positively touched in some way by our organization. Preschool vision and hearing testing, blood pressure screenings, flu immunizations, in-home health services following an illness or injury, educational programs at locations throughout the community, and the special support needed when caring for a terminally ill loved one in the home - these are just a few examples of the way the FV-VNA has benefited local residents of all ages.

One of the FV-VNA's founding leaders wrote in an early Annual Report, *"With the hearty cooperation of physicians and friends who have made it possible for this work to be carried out over the past year, it is hoped that still further progress will be made in the future so that all suffering humanity in this town may be benefited by the Visiting Nurse Association."* It is our hope that we continue to fulfill this mission and that we make our ancestors proud of all that has been accomplished.

During the past year, the FV-VNA has continued its steadfast commitment to the Farmington

Valley and residents of Granby by providing a comprehensive variety of home health care, hospice services, and illness prevention programs to residents of all ages. Despite continuing financial and other challenges associated with the delivery of health care, the FV-VNA is proud to still be one of the few remaining traditional and non-profit visiting nurse associations, which is not owned or operated by a hospital or larger health care system. This important distinction assures Granby residents that community needs remain a true priority and that funding is utilized locally for delivery of essential services and programs.

Services available to Granby residents through the FV-VNA's home care program include:

- Skilled Nursing
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Medical Social Services
- Telemonitoring
- Companion Services
- Homemaker/Home Health Aide Services
- Private Duty Aide Services
- Intravenous Therapy
- Nutritional Counseling

A variety of specialized services are also provided including complex wound care management, digital photography for more accurate and timely treatment, prothrombin time testing, pulse oximetry, cardiac nursing, early rehabilitation programs after total joint replacements, diabetes education and management, and remote monitoring of patients' cardiac and respiratory status.

The FV-VNA's excellent home Hospice Program has also continued to support many individuals and families who need this specialized care when deal-



Visiting nurse Sharyn Hitchiner, RN is making a home visit.

ing with a life limiting illness. Highly trained and compassionate staff have made a positive difference in the quality of many patients' lives and in the lives of their loved ones through this special program.

The FV-VNA continues to be unique in that it operates a distinct and separate Community Programs Department with the goals of illness prevention, health promotion,

and education. As an expense reduction measure, many home health care providers have eliminated virtually all illness prevention services due to cost and realignment of service priorities. Community Programs remain a cornerstone of the FV-VNA, particularly due to its historic roots as a public health nursing organization. Multiple services are offered which focus on maintaining healthy lifestyles, illness prevention and health education. Over 3,800 Granby residents attended one or more community wellness programs last year. Many programs are offered at little or no cost thanks to funding from the Town of Granby which include:

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- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Vision and Hearing Testing
- Foot Care Clinics
- Tuberculosis Screenings
- Wellness Walking Programs
- Flu/Pneumonia Clinics
- Health Screenings for Businesses and Groups
- Health Care Education Programs
- Ear Assessment/Irrigation Programs
- CPR, AED and First Aid Courses for groups

In addition, we continue to be pleased to offer School Health Services in the Granby Public School system, and a fully stocked, accessible Food Bank for local residents and families in need of support. Due to the current economic climate, over 700 individuals visited the Food Bank for assistance with basic food needs, a number substantially higher than in past years.

As a local, free standing, non-profit organization, continued financial support from community residents, area businesses and service organizations is absolutely essential for the FV-VNA's future survival. Reimbursement from state, federal, and private insurance payors is remaining flat in the upcoming year, and is actually decreasing from Medicare, despite sharp increases in many operating costs. The FV-VNA is very pleased to be a vital and essential health care organization serving Granby residents as we look ahead into the next century of health care delivery.

For additional information about the Farmington Valley VNA and its programs, please call 651-3539 or visit www.farmingtonvalleyvna.org

FARMINGTON VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

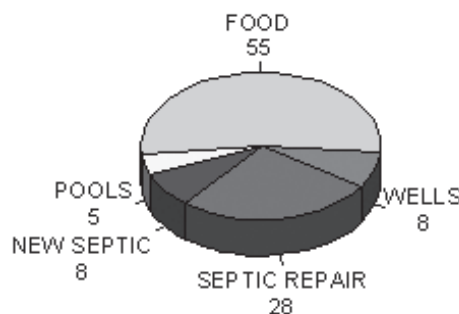
There were a number of changes at the Farmington Valley Health District during this past year. Mary Rocco, a valuable member of our administrative staff, retired; and Todd Christopher, RS, one of our sanitarians, left to pursue another line of work. Due to a sustained slowdown in the level of our environmental health workload associated with the economy, they have not been replaced.

The district and its staff continued its efforts in planning for emergencies, particularly those associated with bioterrorism and pandemic influenza. We are active participants in the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee (CREPC) and the district's staff participated in several regional exercises. Thanks to the cooperation of the Town of Avon, the health district moved its antenna and repeater for the two-way radio communication sys-

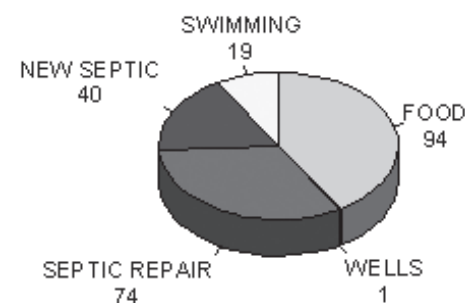
tem, to the top of Avon Mountain, where it will better help us communicate in the event of an emergency. We hired Kerry Flaherty to work as an independent contractor to coordinate our emergency preparedness efforts with our federally funded emergency preparedness grant.

We also began working with the Asthma Center of the Connecticut Children Medical Center on their Easy Breathing Program through a grant, and hired Keri Gilford, MSPH, to be the coordinator. The district also worked with Teresa Dotson, RD utilizing our preventive health block grant, to develop a Building Healthy Families Program that helps families to adopt heart healthy diets and practices.

Please visit our website <http://www.fvhd.org>.

Environmental Health Activities (FY 07-08)**PERMITS**

Food Permits = Annual + Temporary

**SITE VISITS/INSPECTIONS**

BUILDING OFFICE

This past year we saw the departure of Henry Miga after 14 years of service as the town's Building Official. William Volovski is the new Building Official and Zoning Enforcement Officer who came on board with the town in September 2007. Fiscal Year 2007-08 has shown a significant decline in new home construction, reflecting national and statewide trends. Conversely, many homeowners who may have previously purchased new homes decided to add on or renovate their current homes instead. Another significant change has been rising fuel costs. This impacts many aspects of building and construction and may have caused many residents to consider installing wood or pellet stoves, as we have seen an increase for these alternative heating systems. There were no significant commercial projects constructed during the year, but several are on the drawing board and are anticipated for the next fiscal year. Over 700 miscellaneous building permits were issued, with a constructed value of \$6,793,580. The department

spent many hours this year improving the town's web site to include downloadable permit applications and informational handouts to better answer residents' questions. The department sponsored a seminar in February featuring a speaker from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to encourage safe work habits for contractors. In addition, the Town of Granby provides building inspection services to the Town of Hartland. There were 138 permits issued in Hartland for this fiscal year.

In addition to administering and enforcing the provisions of the State Building Code, our department provides administrative support to the Community Development Office, Town Engineer, Fire Marshal, and several of the land use boards and commissions. The Building Official also serves as the Zoning Enforcement Officer, who is responsible for reviewing applications for compliance with the Zoning Regulations and responding to complaints regarding the regulations.

<i>Building Permits Issued</i>	<i>Number of Permits</i>	<i>Total Construction Cost</i>
1. New Houses	6	1,177,285
2. All Other Building Permits	374	4,711,353
3. All Mechanical Permits	<u>320</u>	<u>904,942</u>
TOTAL	700	6,793,580

BUILDING PERMITS

Year	<i>Houses</i>		<i>Residential</i>		<i>Commercial</i>		<i>Total</i>	
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
2007	6	1,177,285	672	5,404,050	22	212,245	700	6,793,580
2006	20	2,905,140	682	5,850,575	34	783,502	736	9,539,217
2005	37	5,839,856	813	5,754,353	45	2,037,160	895	13,631,369
2004	63	9,328,082	821	5,461,451	50	415,503	934	15,205,036
2003	64	10,782,035	526	3,966,996	23	697,235	613	15,446,266
2002	61	9,798,067	753	4,046,033	41	6,684,747	855	20,528,847
2001	65	10,977,652	757	3,374,941	18	6,678,833	840	21,031,426
2000	77	10,610,853	876	2,444,463	10	1,176,575	963	14,231,901
1999	58	7,918,747	749	4,394,096	7	169,765	814	12,482,608
1998	65	7,025,900	773	4,814,532	14	502,278	852	12,345,710
1997	66	7,572,384	572	3,463,005	16	202,710	654	11,238,099
1996	48	5,039,049	532	3,251,806	19	87,344	699	8,378,199

ENGINEERING SERVICES

Operating under the Office of Community Development, Engineering Services are provided by Consulting Engineer, Edward Sweeney, P.E. In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the Town Engineer worked an average of 76 hours per month. The Town Engineer advises the Planning and Zoning Commission and attends their meetings as necessary. He reviews the engineering details of various applications and conducts numerous field inspections, assuring that the construction of new roads comply with engineering standards and road specifications. The Town Engineer also inspects private roads to assure compliance with specific town approvals. Roads that were under construction this year included, Powder Mill Lane and a portion of Cider Mill Heights that will connect the existing upper and lower portions. The Town Engineer also made regular inspections of two active sand and gravel operations.

In Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the Town Engineer assisted the Department of Public Works with a variety of projects involving roads, sewers, bridges, a wash bay facility, Bank Street reconstruction, diversion permit, and landfill monitoring. He also marked out numerous Call-Before-U-Dig locations, inspected construction sites, inspected sewer lateral installations, and prepared bond estimates.

This year the Town Engineer also worked on state mandated Stormwater Management requirements, the five corners improvements plan, the Silver Street Bridge plan, the transfer station stormwater permit, Salmon Brook Park footbridge, Route 20 parking lot, Canton Road drainage, and a town garage structural repair.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In fiscal year 2007-2008 the Planning and Zoning Commission held 18 regular meetings and one special meeting. At these meetings the members considered, deliberated, and acted on special permit and zoning amendment applications, requests for site plan approvals and modifications, subdivision and re-subdivision applications, and Board of Selectmen referrals. The Commission conducted informal discussions on a variety of issues and acted on road and security agreements and bonds.

In fiscal year 2007-2008 the Commission took in 26 new applications. The revenue generated from these applications was just over \$3,694. This fiscal year, two subdivision applications were filed seeking the approval of three residential building lots. All were approved.

Also in this fiscal year the Commission:

- Approved a site plan modification for State Line Propane, allowing an increase in the size of the previously approved storage building;
- Approved a drive through window for Dunkin' Donuts, property located at 7 Mill Pond Drive;
- Denied a proposed amendment to the Zoning Regulations that would have allowed a private road that is located in Granby to serve building lots that are located in an adjacent community;
- Prepared and approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations adding new Section 3.10, Rural Conservation R4A;
- Approved a new 13,500 square foot office building for property located at 37 Hartford Avenue;
- Approved a request to increase the size of the outside patio for the Granby Pub & Grill, 17R East Granby Road;
- Approved a site plan modification for Rome's Sporting Goods for property located at 335 Salmon Brook Street;
- Approved a change from R2A to R4A for approximately 2,000 acres, located within the Case Street area;
- Approved a re-subdivision and special permit for rear lots for property located at 170 West Granby Road;
- Approved a modification of a site plan for property located at 516 Salmon Brook Street;
- Approved an application seeking to excavate and

remove earth materials for property located at 114 Wells Road;

- Approved a zoning amendment regarding the height and size of a sign;
- Approved applications to amend the Subdivision and Zoning Regulations by adding new regulations concerning Drainage Requirements and Stormwater Management;
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations regarding fences;
- Approved a renewal of a special permit for property located at 359 North Granby Road for the excavation and removal of sand and gravel;
- Approved a fence that will serve as a noise barrier between commercial and residential properties;
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations concerning drive through windows for restaurants;
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations concerning the illumination of signs;
- Approved a modification of the Plan of Conservation and Development by adding The Farmington Valley Biodiversity Project, as it applies to Granby;
- Approved modifications to the exterior design of an approved office building for property located at 37 Hartford Avenue;
- Approved a request for modification to the entertainment permit for the Granby Pub and Grill;
- Approved a one lot re-subdivision for property located at 255 Hungary Road;
- Granted permission to use a portion of an existing barn for a home occupation for property located at 134 Day Street;
- Approved an accessory apartment for property located at 168 Hungary Road;
- Approved an accessory apartment for property located at 41 East Granby Road;
- Approved an amendment to the Zoning Regulations by adding Farm Winery Liquor Permit;
- Approved a Silo telecommunication site modification for property located at 151 East Street.

PROBATE COURT

During the past year, 70 new estates were opened, 30 of which involved the short form of probate; i.e. either with assets of less than \$20,000 or assets declared as jointly owned for tax purposes only. As of October 1, 2007, the asset level was raised to \$40,000 to be considered for the short form of probate. From July 1 – September 30, 2007, six short form estates were handled, with the remaining 24 handled after October 1, 2007. Also, four State Aid estates were handled.

A hearing was held on one new Trust Account and seven review hearings on trusts were handled. There was one appointment of a Guardian of the Estate of a Minor, three miscellaneous hearings for Guardian Accounts, ten Allowances of Accounting (Guardian) hearings, and three hearings on other guardianship matters. There were six appointments of Conservators of the person and/or estate, two review hearings, and two Allowances of Account (Conservator) hearings. There was one appointment of Guardian of Mentally Retarded Adult, ten review hearings, and two miscellaneous hearings. There was one Temporary Custodian appointed for a minor child and one Termination of Parental Rights. We also handled nine name changes, two adoptions and processed 110 Passport Applications.

All Probate records are open to the public, with the exception of Adoptions, Termination of Parental Rights, Removal of Guardians, and files for the Mentally Retarded Adults. Fees to the court are set by law and retained by the Judge, who is responsible for paying most of the expenses of the court.

Office hours are: Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

ASSESSOR

It is the responsibility of the Assessor to discover, list, and value all taxable real estate, motor vehicles, and personal property in the Town of Granby. It is important that no property is omitted, that each property is assessed to the correct person or persons, and that each property is assessed uniformly and according to law. These values, subject to a 70% ratio, result in the Gross Grand List. The Assessor then applies various exemptions as mandated by the Connecticut State Statutes and local ordinances, including veterans, elderly, disabled, blind, farm, forest, and open space, etc. The final total, after exemptions are deducted, is the Net Grand List. It is this figure, coupled with local, state, and federal revenue, which is used to compute the local tax rate.

The increase in the net taxable assessment from the 2005 Grand List to the 2006 Grand List was 14,270,310, a 1.73% increase. This

increase was predominately due to additions, along with new dwellings at Hunt Glen and some other areas in town.

Subsequent to producing the Grand List in February, a supplemental list of motor vehicles purchased between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007 was established. This supplemental Grand List totaled 9,003,291, generating \$323,845 in revenue. This was a decrease from the previous year, which seems to be an indication of the economic times and fewer people purchasing new vehicles.

Until 2002, towns were required to implement quadrennial revaluations. The Connecticut State Law has changed, requiring all real property to be revalued every five years. Granby implemented a revaluation in 2002. Its next scheduled revaluation will be effective October 1, 2007. Public access to assessment data may be obtained at www.visionappraisal.com.

	2005 Grand List Fiscal Year 2006-2007	2006 Grand List Fiscal Year 2007-2008
REAL ESTATE	728,630,940	741,450,920
MOTOR VEHICLES	78,045,330	78,991,050
PERSONAL PROPERTY	16,120,880	16,625,490
<i>Net Grand List</i>	<u>822,797,150</u>	<u>837,067,460</u>
<i>MV Supple. Grand List</i>	9,515,074	9,003,291
<i>Tax Exempt Real Estate</i>	48,974,260	49,109,320

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

The Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is charged with establishing boundaries of wetlands and watercourses, with reviewing applications for activities that may impact wetlands and watercourses, and with granting permits for such activities when they do not have significant adverse impacts to wetlands or watercourses.

The Commission reviews activities within wetlands and watercourses, and activities within 100 feet of wetlands and 200 feet from watercourses. Proposed activities in upland review areas are subject to a Request for Review of Activity. The requests are examined and acted on by the Designated Agent, often after a review from the full Commission at their monthly meeting.

Dave Tolli continues to serve as the Chairman of the seven member Commission. The town continues to contract with the North Central Conservation District Inc. to provide ser-

vices as the consulting Wetland Agent. The agent, David Askew, is a certified Soil Scientist who lives in Granby.

In fiscal year 2007-2008 twelve actions were taken by the Commission, including approval of five amendments to wetland boundaries and seven permit approvals for activities within wetlands or upland review areas. The Commission did not deny any permit applications, but restricted and regulated activities to minimize wetland impacts. The Commission also reviewed 24 Request for Reviews that were delegated to the Wetland Agent for approval.

The Commission continued its review of the existing Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations. It is anticipated that a complete restructuring of the regulations, based upon the State Department of Environmental Protection model regulations, will be adopted early in fiscal year 2008-2009.

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICIALS

Administration Finance Officer
Barbarajean C. Scibelli

Animal Control Officer
Jennifer Abalan

Assessor
Susan J. Altieri

Building Official/Zoning
Enforcement Officer
William R. Volovski

Chief of Police
David L. Watkins

Collector of Revenue
Lauren C. Stuck

Director of Community
Development
Francis G. Armentano

Director of Health
Richard H. Matheny, Jr.

Director of Human Services
KerryAnn O. Kielbasa

Director of Library Services
Joan M. Fox

Director of Public Works
James R. Klase

Director of Recreation and
Leisure Services
Kay A. Woodford

Fire Chief
John E. Horr, Jr.

Fire Marshal
Joseph R. Killen

Director of Public Works
James R. Klase

Town Clerk
Karen I. Hazen

Town Engineer
Edward J. Sweeney

Town Manager
William F. Smith, Jr.

Treasurer
Roger A. Hernsdorf

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen
John E. Adams, Chairman
Ronald F. Desrosiers
Frank D. Judice, Jr.
Sally S. King
Mark Neumann

Board of Finance
Michael B. Guarco, Jr.,
Chairman
Gordon C. Bischoff
Francis J. Brady
B. Scott Kuhnly
Frederick A. Moffa, OD
Alfred G. Wilke

Board of Education
James C. Heminway, Jr.,
Chairman
Marie A. Nicholls
John P. O'Connor
Edward E. Ohannessian
Deborah Torgersen
Ronald S. Walther
Matthew T. Wutka

Planning & Zoning Commission
Paula H. Johnson, Chairman
Daniel P. Brown, Jr.
Margaret A. Chapple
Charles O. Kraiza
Paul R. Lambert
James R. Sansone
Linda C. Spevacek

Town Moderator
Donald P. Wilmot

Zoning Board of Appeals
Wayne E. Chapple, Chairman
Ann Crimmins
Judy A. Goff
William L. Percival
Kelly O. Rome

**Zoning Board of Appeals
Alternates**
Robert M. Lindeyer
Dianne M. Maher
Suzanne L. Yucha

Board of Assessment Appeals
Lowell C. Johnson, Chairman
Celia Eggert
James R. Sansone

Registrars of Voters
Peter S. Goff
Laura A. Wolfe

Judge of Probate
Daniel P. Brown, Jr.

State Representative
Annie Hornish, 62nd District

State Senators
John A. Kissel, 7th District
Kevin D. Witkos, 8th District

United States Representative
John B. Larson, 1st District

United States Senators
Christopher J. Dodd
Joseph Lieberman

APPOINTED BOARDS

Agriculture Commission
Stanley A. Hayes, Chairman
Jason E. Bogli
Don H. Butler
Samuel E. Hammer
Stephen Hayes
Anne E. Wilhelm

Conservation Commission
Michael L. Lengvarsky, Chairman
Susan F. Dwyer
Carolyn R. Flint
Neil J. Hornish
Charles J. Katan
Victoria Mazzei-Stepanov

**Inland Wetlands and
Watercourses Commission**
David W. Tolli, Chairman
Barry K. Avery
Charles J. Katan
Neil W. Kraner
Eric Lukingbeal
Richard H. Martindale
Richard J. Van Nostrand

Library Board
Lynn G. Lochhead, Chairman
Shawn E. Ball
Carol Y. Bressor
Norman M. Council
Robert P. Donna
Judy A. Goff
Richard J. Lydon
Duncan M. Rowles

Development Commission
Bruce E. Murtha, Chairman
Edward Guarco
John J. Krug
Kenneth O. Kuhl
Robert J. Rome
Martin F. Schwager

Park & Recreation Board
Edward N. Allen, Chairman
L. Squire Bressor
Wayne E. Chapple
Brigid R. Gunn
Kathy D. Ungerleider
Suzanne L. Yucha
Joseph J. Zafian

Commission on Aging
Peter E. Barwick, Chairman
George L. Bronsord, Jr.
Karen Hood
Mary Keating
Neil Kraner
Incy Severance Muir
Bruce W. Sullivan
John H. Vanderbilt
Rosemarie T. Weber

TOWN SERVICES

Animal Control Officer	844-5335		
Assessor*	844-5311		
Building Official*	844-5318		
Community Development*	844-5318		
Cossitt Library Branch	653-8958	Mon., Wed.	12:00 noon-5:00 p.m.
		Tues.	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
		Thurs.	9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
		Sat.	10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Farmington Valley Visiting Nurse Association –			
Granby Office	653-5514	Weekdays	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Granby Public Library	844-5275	Mon.-Thurs.	10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Children's Room	844-5284	Fri.	12 Noon-4:00 p.m.
		Sat.	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
		Sun.	1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. (Jan.-March)
Granby Senior Center	844-5352		
Landfill Hours		Saturday	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Police Department	844-5335		
POLICE EMERGENCY	911		
Probate Court	844-5314	Mon.	8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		Tues.-Thurs.	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
		Fri.	9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Public Works Facility	653-8960	Weekdays	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Recreation Office	844-5356		
Park Bathhouse	653-0173	Summer	
Registrar of Voters	844-5300	Wed.	9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Social Services	844-5351		
Superintendent of Schools	844-5250	Weekdays	8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Kearns School	844-3044		
Kelly Lane	844-3041		
Wells Road	844-3048		
Middle School	844-3029		
High School	844-3014		
Tax Collector*	844-5315		
Town Clerk*	844-5308		
Town Engineer	844-5318		
Town Manager*	844-5300		

* Town Hall Offices Are Open
Monday-Wednesday
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
or by appointment

MEETING TIMES

Agriculture Commission	
Second Thursday	7:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (Oct.-April) 8:00 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room (May-Sept.)
Board of Education	
First and Third Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Board of Education Central Office*
Board of Finance	
Fourth Monday	7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Board of Selectmen	
First and Third Monday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall
Board of Assessment Appeals	
During the Month of March – Call Assessor for Dates and Times	
Commission on Aging	
Second Monday	1:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Conservation Commission	
First and Third Thursday	7:30 p.m. Police Dept. Community Room
Granby Development Commission	
Second Monday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission	
Second Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Granby Library Board	
Second Monday	7:30 p.m. Granby Public Library
Park & Recreation Board	
First Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Planning & Zoning Commission	
Second and Fourth Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Town Hall
Youth Service Bureau Advisory Board	
Second Wednesday	6:30 p.m. Senior Center & Youth Services Building
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Third Tuesday	7:30 p.m. Town Hall

*Call BOE for possible changes

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